

Will Catch the Tax Dodger.

When the county assessors go to work next year they will be armed with three interrogatories that will strike terror to the heart of the man who has been in the habit of getting off with a light assessment. These interrogatories are for use in getting personal property statements and they go right to the point. The property owner may not answer correctly, and the assessor may have his suspicions. In that case the assessor is prepared for just such an emergency. He has the authority under the law passed last winter to call in the neighbors and have them swear to facts concerning the personal property of the delinquent neighbor. Then there is another penalty for trying to fool the assessor. He is instructed to make a note opposite the name of the man who refuses to give a complete list of his property, and the assessor is authorized to add fifty per cent to the value of the property as turned in by the owner. The state tax commission is determined to get the real value of real and personal property hereafter, and the law backs it up forcibly. The property owner will be required to swear that he has turned in all of his property, and the swearing will be real, not an informal sort of procedure that it has been in vogue for so many years. After swearing to his statement, he puts himself in such a position that anything other than the truth will be perjury, and the state gives the county attorney a bounty of \$25 for securing conviction under this law.—Atchison Globe.

Normal Lecture Course.

The following is the list of the Normal Lecture Course for the season of 1907-08:
Nov. 1—W. Powell Hale, Impersonator.
Nov. 27—Marshall Choate Crouch, Lecturer.
Jan. 9—LaDell-Fox Concert Co. of Canada.
Feb. 8—Hon. G. A. Garbarth, Lecturer.
Mar. 4—Royal Male Quartette.
Sale of Tickets will be open Oct. 28th at Spratt's Drug Store.
An odd and notable feature of this list of lecturers is that in the five numbers there is but one, the third, which has a lady on the personnel. We trust the culmination of the females will prove a success. Watch for further particulars regarding the course next week.

Unique, But Live Advertising.

A publishers' adjusting association which claims to collect bad and long accounts which "easy" editors sometimes allow their subscribers to run up, sends out this unique circular:
Here's the Sad, Sad Tale! Ding! Dong! Ring the Funeral Bell! One delinquent said: "I'll pay you Saturday if I live"—He's Dead! Another promised: "I'll see you tomorrow"—He's Blind! (poor devil.) Another vowed and swore: "I'll pay you this week or go to hell"—He's Gone! Our mission, brother, is to catch 'em before they're Dead, before they're Blind, before they're Gone!
On the great clock of Time, there is but one word—Now! Yesterday is a dead one; to-morrow is—well, to-morrow is the land of Maybe! We go after the dear delinquents as though To-Morrow wasn't on the calendar! We are sorter restless, feverish and fussy about this thing of Delay!
We're "waitin' at the Church!"

—Remember Nov. 2nd—Cloak sale at Zeigler's Big Store.

Prizes for Map-Drawing.

To stimulate investigation of local history, and to encourage the collection and preservation of data, I offer 30 small prizes for township historical maps in the several counties of the 23rd judicial district, to be made by the pupils of common and high schools.
In each of the counties of Russell, Ellis, Trego, Gove, Logan and Wallace, there are offered five prizes of \$3.00, \$2.00 and \$1.00, and consolation prizes of 50 and 25 cents respectively, for the best historical maps of any congressional township in such county.

Every map must be made by the student who submits it, but no restriction is placed on contestants as to receiving aid in the matter of collection of data to be shown on the map or in explanation thereof.

The maps will be graded by a committee to be appointed by the Kansas State Normal School, Western Branch, at Hays, Kansas. The first requisite of each map will be historical fullness, thoroughness and accuracy, including geographical and topographical details. Next come skill in map drawing, and neatness.

All maps must be submitted to the examining committee on or before May 1, 1908, and thereupon shall become the property of the Kansas State Historical Society, to be permanently kept at Topeka.

It is hoped that other prizes may be offered by those interested locally or otherwise, but in such cases the prize herein offered will be conferred that two prizes may not be given for any one map.

If two or more maps are practically alike, the committee may refuse to give more than one prize.

Any contestant may submit maps of more than one township, if he desire, or may submit several of the same township, but the person shall not receive more than one prize for maps of the same township. If in any county less than six maps are entered in contest, no prize will be given.

All maps shall be drawn on paper, or cardboard, about fourteen inches square, on which the congressional township shall be marked one foot square, and subdivided into sections and quarter-sections (and preferably into forties also). Printed township plats may be used, such as are made by Crane, Hall, Dodsworth and other houses, and such as are furnished by the State Historical Society, or as are kept in many public county offices.

Work may be done with ink or pencil, in black or colors, but other things being equal, that map will be best which is most permanent in its markings and least liable to blurring in handling.

All points of historical interest shall be marked on the map by means of lines, crosses, circles or other characters, each of which shall be numbered or lettered. On a separate paper, explanation of the numbered (or lettered) points shall be given as fully as may be, historically, with dates and names of persons concerned.

Contestants may choose a townsite (including all its additions) or any incorporated city, as the subject for map drawing instead of a township, but all such maps shall be at least one foot square exclusive of margin and must be drawn on a correspondingly large scale.

The facts may be secured from books, maps, plats, etc., but best of all from the oldest settlers.

Hoping that there will be many contestants, and assuring each of profit in the contest, whether or not he wins a prize, I am,

Very Respectfully Yours,
J. C. RUPPENTHAL.

Joins All-Home-Print Class.

Beginning this week the FREE PRESS discontinues the ready-print or "patent insides" and henceforth we will be all home print, four pages. We are making this change for two reasons, first, because on account of the great advance in paper we can no longer sell an 8 page paper for 2c; second, because we have discovered on investigation that nearly everyone now-a-days who reads at all takes either a good city daily or weekly, from which they learn all the general news given in ready prints. We have found that a large majority of our readers never read the inside, or patents at all and the number is on the increase.

Fined \$35 for Reckless Driving.

Thos. Sloan and wife of Pender, Nebr., passed through here Monday in an auto enroute for the south part of the state. A short ways south of town they met Henry Beleke who was driving a fractious team. Mr. Beleke signalled for the auto to stop but they paid no attention to him and drove on past, scaring the team and causing a runaway which nearly demolished Beleke's spring wagon. Coming to town he swore out a warrant for the team, who was caught at LaCrosse by Sheriff Brown and fined \$35 for reckless driving.

Advertised Letter List.

The following letters remain uncalled for at the postoffice at Hays, Kansas, Tuesday, Oct. 15th. When calling for same please say "Advertised."

W. H. Sage
R. C. Gregg
Miss Mary Younger
John A. Smith
J. M. Shore
J. C. Irwig
Mr. G. Biring.

H. J. PENNEY, Postmaster.

Church Notes

Methodist Episcopal Church.

M. J. MUMFORD, Pastor.

The Ellsworth District Ministerial Association was held at Plainville last week three days. Mr. and Mrs. Mumford attended and were much inspired both by the association itself and the opportunity to visit a little while with a large number of old friends. Many of them are much farther advanced on the way to the Blessed Life than five years ago. Upon inquiry from the second Vice President of the Epworth League it was learned that they have over twenty-five Christian Stewards in the League at Plainville. Many of them are very earnest personal workers. One of the most prominent features of the association was the presence and addresses of the Rev. Dr. St. Clare, the new superintendent of Bethany Hospital. He is unquestionably one of the strongest men who has ever represented any of the great connectional interests of the church in the west. Bethany is to be congratulated upon securing such a man as Dr. St. Clare for superintendent. She will prosper now as never before.

Some encouraging things were reported to the third quarterly conference held here last Saturday. One thing was a substantial gain in the enrollment and attendance in the Junior League, and also the good work being done. The Presiding Elder went to Gorham to hold meeting on Monday evening, with a view to looking up the situation relative to the possibility of establishing regular preaching services there.

The preaching services at Yocemento continue regularly every Sunday at three o'clock. The attendance is increasing.

Presbyterian Church.

W. B. BROWN, Pastor.

Last Sunday was a good day for the Presbyterian Sunday School.

Five new members were added to the Christian Endeavor Society last Sunday.

Next Sunday is Home Mission Day. Come prepared.

Sunday week is quarterly communion at the Presbyterian Church. Get your letters ready and your hearts right to unite with the church.

To do the common duty of each day uncommonly well, this is success.

The church ought not to be so much a hospital, where men and women are to be cured, as a gymnasium, where robust, athletic Christians are trained.

The Zeigler Way,
Best For Least Money

JUST A REMINDER

THAT

WE SELL THE

BANNER
BRAND
LINE

OF GARMENTS.

During this season of special showings of wearables for Fall and Winter, just keep in mind this very excellent and fashionable line of Ready-to-Wear

SKIRTS

Always on display in this store. For quality of material and generally attractive appearance, there are no offerings in Hays quite as reasonably priced as those you will find here.

FURS; Reliable and Stylish Furs

We have just received from a New York Fur House, a nice line of beautiful Furs; Latest Style, Highest Quality, Most Expert Workmanship and are all sold at Reasonable Prices.

Don't Delay! Come and pick out a bargain. Remember we have everything in stock that is usually kept by a well-stocked Dry Goods Store.

We cannot tell you all, you must come, see and examine the stock.

Satisfaction Guaranteed or Money Refunded.

ISAAC ZEIGLER & SON

Nick Schlyer Weds.

Nicholas Schlyer stole a march on his many Hays friends this week by getting married. His serious intentions were suspected by many who were witnesses to his frequent trips to Ellis, but no one knew just when it was to happen. Consequently it was quite a surprise when Hays learned that Nicholas and his fair bride passed through Hays on No. 4 Wednesday morning.

He was married Wednesday October 16th at 6:30 a. m. to Miss Lillah Kinney of Ellis. The bride is quite well known here and for a time was a student at the Normal. She has visited friends here a number of times in the past year. Nicholas, the youngest son of John Schlyer, is a Hays boy, an ex-Normal student, an athlete of no small ability, and a jolly good fellow, well-liked by everybody.

Miss Agnes Schlyer, sister of the groom, and Anton Kinderknecht of Hays acted respectively as bridesmaid and best man. They were married in the Catholic church at Ellis, Rev. Father Michaels officiating. A large delegation of Ellis people were present at the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Schlyer left on the morning train for a three weeks' honeymoon in eastern Kansas and Oklahoma. On their return they will make their home on South Chestnut Street in this city.

THE FREE PRESS extends congratulations.

George Philip, Sr. came home Thursday evening from ten days visit at Kansas City. Mrs. Philip is expected to return Saturday morning.

Ellis County Cattle Winners.

The following Ellis County ranchmen won prizes on their cattle at the Royal Stock Show at Kansas City this week: J. Meserve, Smokey Hill, first and third prize on Galloway yearlings.

Alex. Philip and Son, Hays, first prize on Hereford calves under one year old, carload lot.

Both these men also carried off prizes at last year's stock show.

Normal Lecture Course.

The ticket board for reservation of seats will be open at Spratt's drug store Monday October 28th, from 4-8 p. m.

The first number of the course will be given Friday evening Nov. 1 by W. Powell Hale, the Impersonator.

Mr. Hale's Repertoire includes in Miscellaneous Selections from Shakespeare, Hood, Poe, Schiller, Lew Wallace, Mary Kyle Dallas, Riley, Field, Brooks, Ella Wheeler Wilcox, Phelps, Dickens, Frances Hodgson Burnett, Page, Artemus Ward, Mark Twain, Bagby, King Stanton, John Trotwood Moore, Tennyson, original selections, etc.

A. P. Brull a merchant of Antonino was brought in town by Dr. Catudal Monday morning suffering with an infected jaw caused by a neglected wisdom tooth. The man was unable to open his mouth and had not tasted food for two days. The tooth which was causing the infection was pulled by Dr. Jordan and the man is now on the road to a rapid recovery.

High School Notes

The girls were seeing snakes on Monday.

Two Alumnae made a short call on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Light was a welcome visitor last Friday afternoon.

Sarah Montgomery was absent Monday on account of illness.

Why don't the football boys organize a team this season? Material is not lacking.

A blooming geranium, presented by Miss Leahy, now adorns one of the north windows.

The Sophomore editors are wondering who contributed the closing item in the column allotted them last week.

Some very good arguments were presented in the Freshmen English class Tuesday on why pupils completing the eighth grade should enter high school.

The Freshmen are searching for the culprit who contributed the poetry in the senior items last week. If discovered, it is quite certain that he never will indulge again.

Essex Club Prospers.

The Essex Club of Hays have purchased the big Kreuger building and proposes to make out of it one of the finest club houses in the west. They secure possession of the building April 1st and extensive repairs will then commence. A stock company was formed and at the first meeting of the club Thursday evening over \$200 was subscribed with more to follow. Several new members have been taken in and the club is thriving.

It's a very simple thing



To step to the telephone, call No. 12 and deliver the following message:—"Please print us 200 sheets of writing paper and 100 envelopes at the special, advertised price, \$1.50." —A very simple thing to do—yet with manifold results. Farmers and townsmen who have been in the habit of using tablet paper for their correspondence cannot appreciate the neatness of printed stationery. Try it once and you will throw away your tablets.

REMEMBER

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